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COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia		REPORT NO.		
TOPIC	1. Pillbox Construction in Ruzomberok.				
	2. Security Detachments on the Zilina - Ruzomberok Railroad Line.				
25X1X EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED		25X1C	
25X1C DATE OF CONTENT					
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	14 December 1953		
25X1A REFERENCES					
PAGES	3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)				
REMARKS					
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- On 10 October 1953, an octagonal concrete pillbox was under construction on the Cavalry Hill northwest of the Ruzomberok (Q 50/C 99) railroad station close to the chapel. The hill commanded the town area of Ruzomberok, the railroad station, the bridges over the Vah River and a fairly long section of the Zilina (Q 50/O 92) - Kosice (R 49/E 34) double-track railroad line. The pillbox, which was worked on by two construction workers, projected about 1.5 meters from the ground and had a flat roof covered with an earth layer. Each of the visible side walls had a loophole, about 70 cm wide and about 25 cm high, which was about 30 cm beneath the roof.
- Between 9 and 20 October 1953, military guards were repeatedly seen at tunnels on the Zilina - Ruzomberok double-track railroad line. They wore standard army uniforms with dark red epaulets and steel helmets. Temporary shelters with telephone lines were at the entries and exits of the tunnel 2 kilometers west of the Kralovany (Q 50/X 20) railroad station and at a tunnel 1.5 kilometers southsoutheast of the Strečno (Q 50/X 61) railroad station. Three low wooden buildings serving as military billets were at the northern entrance to the tunnel near Strečno, on the east side of the railroad line and directly north of the Vah River. Other billets guarded by sentries were in a two-story wooden building near the eastern exit of the tunnel near Kralovany on the south side of the railroad line.<sup>2</sup>
- On 10 October 1953, two SNB motorcycles patrols checked all vehicles on the road along the railroad line between Kralovany and the eastern entrance to the tunnel. They asked the men in the vehicles to get out for checking.

1.   Comment. A similar pillbox was on the castle in Trencin. It is believed that these pillboxes are air observation posts.
2.   Comment. These guard troops cannot be identified. They are presumably units of the Interior Guard, whose members allegedly wear dark red or red-violet service color. A broadcast from Radio Prague indicated that the VS has also to perform railroad line protection.

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Location Sketch of the Concrete Pillbox in Ruzomberok

- 1 Pillbox
  - 2 Cross
  - 3 Chapel
  - 4 Railroad Station
  - 5 Railroad depot
  - 6 Railroad depot
  - 7 Wooden bridge - closed
  - 8 Wooden bridge
- A Projection and horizontal plan of pillbox.

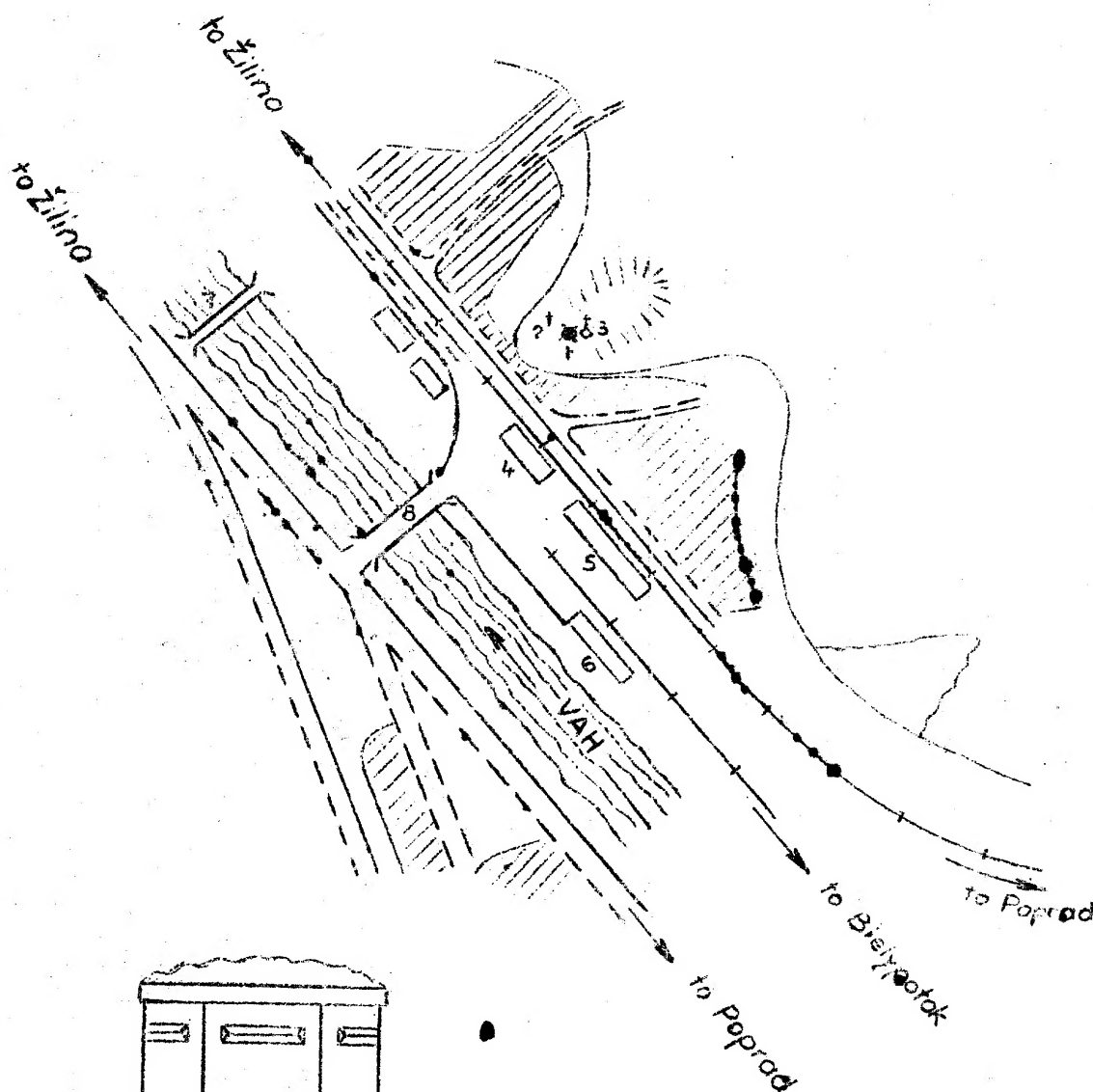
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